

REMARKS

The Non-Final Office Action mailed March 21, 2006 has been reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1-14 have been canceled. Claims 15, 25 and 30 have been amended. Claims 15-35 remain pending in this application and currently stand rejected.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected claims 15-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,791,472 by Hoffberg (hereinafter *Hoffberg*). Claim 15 has been amended and Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments overcome this rejection and add no new matter.

Amended claim 15 recites a method for recording a digital video image comprising, *inter alia*, retransmitting said compressed image file over a packet network to a security office, wherein the security office uses the digital video image to determine if assistance should be sent to a location of the capturing of the video image.

Amended Independent claims 25 and 30 recite limitations similar to amended claim 15.

Hoffberg discloses a mobile telecommunications device having a position detector, which may be absolute, relative or other type, a memory for storing events in conjunction with locations, and a transmitter or receiver for communicating information stored or to be stored in the memory. (*See Hoffberg* column 18, lines 17-21.) *Hoffberg* also discloses stored events that may be detected locally, such as through a detector for radar and/or laser emission source, radio scanner, traffic or road conditions (mechanical vehicle sensors, visual and/or infrared imaging, radar or LIDAR analysis, acoustic

sensors, or the like), places of interest which may be selectively identified, itinerary stops, and/or fixed locations. (*See Hoffberg* column 19, lines 7-13.)

In contrast to amended claimed 15, *Hoffberg* fails to disclose, retransmitting said compressed image file over a packet network to a security office, wherein the security office uses the digital video image to determine if assistance should be sent to a location of the capturing of the video image, as recited in claim 15. *Hoffberg* fails to mention a file transmission to a security office because *Hoffberg* is not directed to security. Instead *Hoffberg* is directed to informing users of road conditions and place of interest. (*See Hoffberg* column 19, lines 7-13.) Therefore, because *Hoffberg* does not disclose a file transmission to a security office, *Hoffberg* cannot disclose the use of the file transmission by the security office to determine if assistance should be sent to a location in which the file transmission is transmitted.

In addition, the Office Action points to network communication 24 as a communication to a security office. However, instead of transmitting information to a security office, *Hoffberg* acquires information from police stations and transmits the information to a subscriber. (*See Hoffberg* column 20, lines 21-26.) Therefore, even assuming *arguendo* that the police stations are considered security offices, *Hoffberg* sends information from the police bands to a user instead of sending information to the police station. (*See Hoffberg* column 19, line 19 through column 20 line 20.)

Accordingly, independent Claim 15 patentably distinguishes the present invention over the cited prior art, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of Claim 15. Dependent Claims 16-24 and 35 are also allowable at least for the reasons described above regarding Independent Claim 15, and by virtue of their dependency upon

independent Claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of dependent Claims 16-24 and 35.

Claims 25 and 30 recite limitations similar to claim 15 and are patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of Claims 25 and 30. Dependent Claims 26-29 are also allowable at least for the reasons described above regarding Independent Claim 25, and by virtue of their dependency upon independent Claim 25. Dependent Claims 31-34 are also allowable at least for the reasons described above regarding Independent Claim 30, and by virtue of their dependency upon independent Claim 30. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of dependent Claims 31-34.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hoffberg*. Claim 30 has been amended and Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments overcome this rejection and add no new matter.

Claims 33-35 depend from Claim 30 and are allowable over *Hoffberg* for the reasons mentioned above with respect to Claim 15. Accordingly, Dependent Claims 33-35 are also allowable at least for the reasons described above regarding Independent Claim 30, and by virtue of their dependency upon independent Claim 30. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of dependent Claims 33-35.

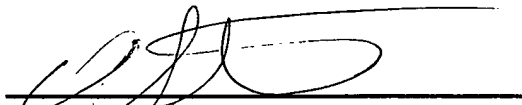
CONCLUSION

A request for a one-month extension of time is requested for the period of June 21, 2006 through July 21, 2006, and is submitted with this amendment.

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. The Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and solicit a notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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